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FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 21, 1920.

No man can end superior who will not begin inferior.—Sidney Smith.

GIVE SUTHERLAND HIS CHANCE.

YESTERDAY, just eighteen days before the opening of the Republican National convention, the Associated Press, which is absolutely free from political bias, sent out from Chicago, where the managers of the various candidates are beginning to assemble their forces, a statement of the existing situation in which the unqualified assertion was made that no candidate would enter the convention with enough votes to insure his nomination on the first ballot. Wood and Johnson are the leaders in the matter of pledged delegates, the former with about 150 and the latter with about 100, and there is scarcely any possibility that they can combine their forces in any way that would be satisfactory to the party as a whole.

What that situation means is clear to every student of the political history of the country. It is still any candidate's fight, and that is of more than a little interest in West Virginia, where one of the state's representatives in the United States senate is an aspirant for the nomination. It would, it seems to this newspaper, be a grave injustice to Senator Sutherland for the Republican party of this state to deny to him the opportunity to make an effort to secure the high honor by pledging the state's delegation to the convention to a candidate from another state. Backed by the delegation from this state his chances of getting the nomination are as good as those of any other candidate in the field.

STOP IT NOW.

THERE is one thing about the deplorable affair at Matewan upon which judgement can be passed right now and without waiting to hear any more of the particulars—it took the state police entirely too long to reach the scene of the disturbance.

No one needs to be reminded that this is one of the most difficult of states to get around in. Very often it takes a long time to go a very short distance and there seems to be no practicable way in which this handicap may be overcome. But that cannot be pleaded in extenuation of the fact that there was delay in getting the forces representing the West Virginia Department of Public Safety upon the ground. Either the forces of the department are not properly distributed or no effort is being made to maintain an intelligent organization.

While this Matewan incident is still fresh upon the minds of the people of the state, Superintendent Jackson Arnold ought to serve warning upon every coal operator in that section of the state where the operators and the mine workers seem to vie with each other in showing their contempt for the laws, the dignity and the fair name of West Virginia, that the next time a coal company attempts to carry out a maneuver such as precipitated the wholesale slaughter at Matewan without first notifying the Department of Justice and anything happens he will clap the whole management into jail.

These people in the backward coal fields of the southern end of the state have got into the habit of thinking that they have a right to run their communities, and even their counties, in any way they please. Well, they are wrong, and the time has come when this ought to be impressed upon them in a way that will make them remember it for a long time. Every time there is an occurrence such as that

RUFF STUFF

Federal judge down in Pennsylvania yesterday told the officers to go after some of the big guys who are getting likier.

If they do that some fellows up here in West Virginia will be in grave danger of going dry.

Those Ohio folks were very solicitous about what we are going to do with our natural gas.

Said they hoped we would be just as considerate about letting them have it as ever.

Why don't they talk to the gas companies?

If it had been managed on that kind of a basis in the beginning perhaps West Virginia would not have had to take down on the gas supply.

But the pirates who run the gas companies thought they had West Virginia where they could not even squirm.

Speaking of disappointments: how would you like to have been these poor boobies who blew that safe over so that they could not get to the stuff in the inside?

But maybe it's just as well.

Fellows who do not know any more than to use explosives the way they did probably would have spent the money foolishly.

Every time they announce a new scheme for raising the money to pay the soldier relief some one lets out a yelp.

Why there is no gentle anaesthetic which could be applied to folks before taxes are extracted from them.

at Matewan the whole state suffers. It is slow work trying to attract capital and brains and the kind of families that go with such things to the state when every six months or so lawless radical labor leaders start a march of men which has all the earmarks of an organized assault upon the peace of the commonwealth, or equally lawless coal operators are permitted to bring a band of brainless gunmen into the state to trample upon the rights of the citizens and the laws of the state with equal carelessness.

It will have to be stopped some time, and it might as well be stopped now.

"OLD STUFF."

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN tells of stopping at a street corner where a crowd was gathered for an auction. The crowd was conversing on the "badness of the times," and one of the company called to a plain old man with white locks, "Pray, Father Abraham, what think you of the times? Will not these heavy taxes quite ruin the country? What would you advise us to do?"

"Friends," he replied, "the taxes are indeed very heavy, and, if those laid on by the government were the only ones we had to pay, we might more easily discharge them, but we have many others and much more grievous to some of us.

"We are taxed twice as much by our idleness, three times as much by our pride, and four times as much by our folly; and from these taxes the commissioners cannot ease or deliver us by allowing an abatement.

"However, let us harken to good advice, and something may be done for us; God helps them that help themselves, as Poor Richard says."

Franklin is immortal because he is universal. He died 130 years ago, but his words have the ring of something that might have been spoken in any church last Sunday by any preacher discussing the subject, "Needs of Our Times." Franklin spoke to the people of his time and of all time.

Read the anecdote of Father Abraham once more—and think it over.

West Virginia's Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday handed down an opinion in which it held that the so called 36-hour law passed at the beginning of the war in this state is unconstitutional. The basis for this action is not stated in the newspaper dispatches, but it probably lies in that feature of the act which throws the burden of proof upon the accused. No one expected that to stand a court test. The act was an emergency measure, and it did a lot of good, even though the enforcement of it was not very vigorous, some counties, notably this one, practically ignoring it altogether. The principle behind the act, however, is as sound as the doctrine that a government which provides equal opportunities is entitled to require equal responsibilities, and it is to be hoped that West Virginia, which led the nation in passing war emergency measures, will also lead the way in enacting legislation which will give that principle the force of unassailable statute status.

In its effort to start freight to moving the Interstate Commerce commission has ordered the roads to forward traffic without regard to indicated routing and to disregard all railroad rule regarding car service. In other words the roads are again being run from one central headquarters as far as the movement of traffic is concerned, and the haste with which we got back to that condition ought to convince even the doubters that in some of their aspects it is impossible to run the railroads in the old way.

The prices of everything but food are going down in this country, and the food situation is more alarming than it was at any time during the war because it probably will be impossible to control it as effectively as when the government was clothed with all its war powers. In England the government is preparing public opinion for a return to war bread and a general tightening up of the food regulations. Flour came down in price in the United States last week, but the price of bakery labor and other materials is going up, and in Cleveland an advance in bread prices, effective Monday, was announced yesterday.

The senate has ordered an investigation of the pre-convention campaign expenses of presidential candidates. There may be some practical use in this scheme, but it is not easy to discover it.

RAY CAHOW SAYS:

It is possible to make up time to be on time.
A dead-lock requires the key to the situation.
Wild ducks are only foolish geese.
Any one in hand is liable to slip by foot.
A person is foolish to throw himself away on good grounds.
You can't stand up for everyone who is down.

To be sure Ben Rosenbloom has a scheme along that line but somehow Ben's schemes do not work.

That is, they do not work in themselves.

But there are facts that he has them has been a good thing for Ben.

Well, the primary election is not very far off.

Will some bright pupil please tell teacher whom Mr. Charlie is going to tell the boys to vote for?

Thought so—

Sure would simplify things in that prosecutor right if that could be found out.

But keep your ear cocked.

Mr. Charlie can't keep that kind of a secret forever.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MORGAN ALSO A FRIEND OF LABOR.

FAIRMONT, May 20.—[Editor The West Virginian.]—There has been much said about the friendliness of labor on the part of Hon. Sam R. Morgan, candidate for the Republican nomination for governor on the Republican ticket. We have no desire whatever to dispute that Mr. Montgomery is a friend of labor, but we do resent the insinuation that he is the only candidate for governor on the Republican ticket who is a friend of labor.

Hon. E. F. Morgan who is also a candidate is just as good a friend of the laboring man as Mr. Montgomery ever was. Perhaps he does not make

What People Say and Some Side Remarks

When a resolution came before the State Sunday school association at Moundsville yesterday calling for the enforcement of the eighteenth amendment, for the suppression of liquor, T. J. Carroll, first principal of the Moundsville school, discussed the resolution which was introduced by Rev. J. W. Barnes, president of the Moundsville organization W. C. T. U., and

A brick house should be built of brick. A Sunday school should be built of Christians. Christians favor prohibition.

got the idea that "joining an organization" meant something. He observed in this connection:

"Why do grown men parade around the streets on hot summer days wearing tin helmets and overcoats? They do it because they have not had their share in 'initiation' and 'joinin' when lads. Do you think I would march for miles on hot paved streets on a hot summer day wearing a hot tin helmet and a hot overcoat? No! I have more respect for my brain than that. If I want to cook my brain I will do so in some other utensil than a tin helmet."

SAYS BIBLE STUDY IS GOOD TRAINING

Will be of More Value to Some Than Mathematics Declares Purington.

MOUNDSVILLE, W. Va., May 21.—Bible study will be of more value to many high school students than mathematics according to Dr. D. B. Purington, president emeritus of West Virginia University and chairman of the executive committee of the West Virginia State Sunday School Association at the final meeting yesterday. "If we can get credit for the study of the scripture in the high schools many students will take Bible study instead of mathematics and I am sure it will do them more good," was the way Dr. Purington put it.

Dr. Purington announced to the convention that the committee empowered to arrange for study of the Bible in the high schools of the state had gotten permission of the State Board of Education and the West Virginia Teachers' Association and it now remained for delegates to the Sunday School convention to get busy in their communities and bring public sentiment to such a point that Bible study would be demanded.

"All we ask is the privilege of paralleling the work in other branches," declared Dr. Purington. "We cannot expect the taxpayers to stand the expense of some arrangements must be made for an instructor, who can meet all requirements of the school." Commenting upon the difficulties to be encountered in securing this concession, Dr. Purington said: "The character of the high schools is in our way. If I might be paradoxical I would say that the excellence of the high schools is in our way. The American high school is a grand institution, which has grown up in defiance of universities, especially Harvard. The good high school of America today requires greater intellectual and scholastic attainment than Harvard college did for its baccalaureate degree seventy-five years ago."

The delegates were urged to put into effect the arrangement consummated between the committee of the State Sunday School Association and school authorities.



The corn begins to lose its grip at once. In a day or two it is so loose that you can lift it off, roots and all, with thumb and finger. That's the last of it, as millions have found out. It is the simple, effective and common-sense way to be rid of corns.

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CRANE'S Drug Store

DEATH OF MRS. C. D. DENT.

A message received here announced the death yesterday of Mrs. C. D. Dent of Wirt county, mother of Mrs. R. C. Keller of this city. The deceased was 80 years of age and had resided all her life in Wirt county.

According to estimates of the fuel administration, the amount of natural gas wasted in the United States in 1917 was equivalent to \$1,200,000,000 worth of artificial city gas.

He's comin' to town with his whole gang—Mark Twain too.

POLITICAL ADVERTISING.

To the Republican Voters of Marion County.

I am announcing that I am a candidate for nomination for County Commissioner at the Primary election to be held May 25th. Believing that my varied education and training in different lines of work especially qualifies me for the arduous duties connected with the office. Being a resident of Union District I am asking your support which will be greatly appreciated.

AMOS O. STANLEY

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New Summer Hats are most interesting and our display will delight you.

A Genuine, Old-Fashioned Sale of Apparel at Extreme Reductions

This special selling event recalls normal days, before there was so much talk about the "high cost of living." On every side you will see plentiful offerings of the very things you need and want and the savings are so important you will surely purchase in ample quantity to last through the summer.

Standard Courtneys' Quality at far lower prices than you would expect

In a nutshell this is what it amounts to. Nothing out of the ordinary has been purchased for this sale. Everything belongs in our regular stocks. It is all desirable and fashionable merchandise.

Suits Reduced 25%
Our Entire Spring Stock

Dresses Reduced 25%
Everything excepting Summer models.
Every Courtneys' Coat

Reduced 20 to 40%

There are dozens and dozens of smart and desirable styles including the popular "LaVogue" Coats.

Spring Hats Reduced 25%
Everything excepting Transparent Hats and Summer Models.

And here are additional bargains for your choosing

Each of these items holds much of interest to every woman who has not completed her Summer wardrobe. And the savings are so great they will distinctly appeal to all thrifty minds.

Smocks Reduced 10%
The real reason for this unexpected reduction (during this sale only) is that we aim to give women savings on the very things they need. These are smocks for summer wearing—beautifully made of colored voiles, crepe and linene.

"Futurist" Underwear at 25% Reduction
This is cool, sensible, comfortable underwear—especially suitable for Summer. In either flesh or white. Our regular stock garments.

"Wolfhead" Undermuslins Reduced 10%
An introductory feature at this general reduction of 10c on the dollar. "Wolfhead" Undermuslins are the finest obtainable quality and our stocks are entirely new.

AN APOLOGY
We Are Very Sorry We Did Not Have Enough Georgette Blouses selling at \$4.95.
to go around yesterday. A large shipment now on the road from New York and should have reached us—but it did not, and hence many patrons were disappointed. They may arrive for tomorrow's selling. If not, we will offer them at this remarkably low price (the quality is wonderful) the minute they do arrive.

Overall Aprons \$1.00 and \$1.59
We offer two lots of these important garments. They are made of good qualities of gingham and percale and usually sell at \$2.00 or more.

Wash Waists \$1.89
Very desirable Waists are these at the extremely low sale price. They would ordinarily sell at \$2.50. Plenty of styles and all sizes.

Sweaters Reduced 20 Per Cent
This is such an unusual offering it is necessarily brief. But if you stop here before closing time Saturday night you can save exactly one-fifth on a handsome sweater—and sweaters are always needed in one's wardrobe.

Silk Fibre Hose Specially Priced 59c
These Hose are worth \$1.00 but we have only a limited quantity in gray and champagne, hence the extremely low price to sell them quickly.

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